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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-
identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 6,

line 10, change "difference mask" to --output mask--.